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1. Wealthy elements of the North Korean population have lost faith in KIM Il-sung's (金日成) government. They are contriving methods of transferring capital to South Korea. Capital is being secretly transferred to South Korea through Antung. Some persons are transferring funds to Antung under the subterfuge of buying goods there. 25X1X6
2. North Korean farmers had heard that the Chinese Nationalist Government was making personal loans to Koreans in Manchuria, through the Korean Representative Group. Many farmers then migrated to Manchuria and were disillusioned. They are dissatisfied with conditions in both Manchuria and North Korea and feel insecure.
3. The jobless loiter in the streets in large numbers.
4. RHEE Syng-man's visit to Nanking caused considerable comment in North Korea. Many Koreans felt that this visit had great significance and that possibly the future of Korea will depend on the results of RHEE's visit.
5. The Government in North Korea has recently taken severe steps to repress political discussion among the people. Talking "politics" on the street or on the telephone is forbidden and heavy penalties are given to those so charged and convicted.

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